most wonderful shop in the world, a place from which the heir to the richest empire turned away with envious regrets. It is kept by a Hungarian on whose shoulders has descended the mantle of that mysterious Simla merchant who combined an astute eye to business in the things of this world with an extensive dealing on the other side of the veil.

A colonel of artillery with materialistic tastes told rne he had never heard music so beautiful as when Mr. Jacob's familiar spirit sang " Nearer, my God, to Thee," out of space, accompanied by organ sounds also of the other world. When the crash came, occasioned by the perfidy of a great Indian Prince, the wonderful collection, the Asiatic Wallace Gallery, was moved to Delhi for the winter months.

One of its greatest treasures is a unique shrine of Sakya Tubpa, taken from a Buddhist Nunnery at Dongtze, near Lhassa the Blessed, where holy nuns of the yellow sect, of the Right-Hand Path, seek for knowledge by

killing out the lower self. Over the head of the Buddha is the tree of knowledge, guarded by dragons, the symbol of wisdom. All round this tree are many smaller images of the monster in lapis lazuli, turquoise, agate, cornelian,

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